

# **MICKLEFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON** **THURSDAY 29 APRIL 2021**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr J A Crossley, Chairman of Micklefield Parish Council, Ms J L Hebden, Clerk to Micklefield Parish Council

**PRESENT:** Public (4)

The meeting opened at 7.31pm and was chaired by Cllr J A Crossley, Chairman of Micklefield Parish Council.

### **21/01 – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY 2019**

Proposed by Cllr J A Crossley

Seconded by Mrs E Todd

**RESOLVED by unanimous vote that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 are an accurate record.**

Those present noted that an annual parish meeting had not been held in 2020 due to the restrictions of both the coronavirus pandemic and the UK Government legislation created to deal with the public health aspects of the pandemic.

### **21/02 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

Members noted the following matter arising from the minutes of the annual parish meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019:

**19/08 (HS2 Phase 2b)** – There had been no further developments on the plans for HS2 Phase 2b.

### **21/03 – ELECTORS' QUESTION TIME**

**ELECTOR** - Requested an update on the Blands Arms.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – The manager had left and the owner needs to find a new manager.

**ELECTOR** – Enquired about the status of the school caretaker's house.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - Reported that it was vacant.

**ELECTOR** – Reported that Barratt's Development claimed to own footpath no. 3.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - The developer owns the land on which the footpath sits, but the surface is managed by Leeds City Council, Public Rights of Way Section.

**ELECTOR** – Barratt's Development also owns the footpath from footpath no. 3 to the Strata development (footpath no. 11).

**ELECTOR** - Reported that a temporary headteacher (a 'troubleshooter') had been brought in to sort out the school.

**ELECTOR** – Micklefield Regeneration Partnership has plans for a community orchard on land between Great North Road and Churchville (to the rear of the garages). As Secretary of the Partnership, she had contacted Leeds City Council housing officers for permission and was waiting for a response.

## **21/04 – COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND MICKLEFIELD**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Asked if anyone present had any idea of the general impact on the village.

**ELECTOR** – Gave a report on the known redundancies and furloughs.

**ELECTOR** – Reported that Micklefield Tenants and Residents Association had processed in excess of £3,000 in grants and donations to support those in need with food shopping.

## **21/05 – CLAIMED FOOTPATHS**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Reported that there were several active claims for footpaths that had been instigated by development plans: ‘Rangers’ Walk’, the south end of the Crescent, rear of Hallfield Avenue, south westwards from St Mary’s Walk and south eastwards from Pit Lane.

**ELECTOR** – The same hasn’t happened for the path at the top of Garden Village.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – That’s because no-one made a claim and the footpath hasn’t been used for the required minimum of 20 years.

## **21/06 – HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND CIL**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - Reported that Leeds City Council had revised the Site Allocations Plan (SAP) and all greenbelt allocations had been dropped as they weren’t required to meet housing numbers. The triangle of land between the railway line and Garden Village was removed from the SAP as a result. The SAP should be reviewed every five years (next in 2024). The plan would run until at least 2030 but a new plan would need to be made, probably starting in 2026.

**ELECTOR** – Asked if the showpeople’s site would still go ahead.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – If showpeople purchase the land, it will.

**ELECTOR** – Will Micklefield be targeted for more developments?

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Not in a Machiavellian way. The development behind Hallfield Avenue might make it easier to justify more development on the northern side of the road. Previously identified sites that were in the SAP (land next to Newtown Farm and the railway station) could be reinstated, if Leeds City Council needs greater housing numbers and needs to allocate land.

**ELECTOR** – Will more and more developments be approved as more land is taken?

**ELECTOR** - Yes, incremental development to chip away slowly at the greenbelt.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - All housing developments mentioned at the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting are underway and some are inhabited. The Daisy Bank area topography has completely changed. The Pit Lane site has been fenced, ready for development. The Parish Council was successful in its objections to the design of the Pit Lane site; its suggestions have been incorporated in the development. The Parish Council still needs to undertake a CIL consultation, preferably in July/August.

**ELECTOR** - Nothing can be planned yet because the venue can’t be booked.

**ELECTORS** – Too soon to plan a consultation event.

**ELECTOR** – If only a few people turn up [to a consultation event] is it valid?

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - Yes, if it is properly advertised and done within regulations. CIL has to be spent within a timescale and can be clawed back by Leeds City Council if it isn’t.

## **21/07 – PECKFIELD LEVEL CROSSING**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - Reported that there had been no update from Network Rail. Leeds City Council’s Public Rights of Way officers had informed the Parish Council that the

bridleway will follow the railway line on the south side, which can now be walked to Ridge Road.

#### **21/08 – PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Reported that the Parish Council had two member vacancies. There had been four enquiries but no applications.

**ELECTOR** – There is a general lethargy in the village, as shown by the low turn out to this meeting.

**ELECTOR** – Notice of Parish Council meetings and agendas are posted on the Community Facebook page.

#### **21/09 – PECKFIELD LANDFILL SITE**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Reported that the site should have closed in 2020, when planning permission expired.

**ELECTOR** – Reported that the landfill site was scheduled to close in September 2021. There were now alternative ways to dispose of waste, such as digesters, which are reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.

#### **21/10 – NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Proposed by Cllr J A Crossley  
Seconded by D Backhouse

**RESOLVED by unanimous vote that the next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the last Thursday in April 2022.**

The meeting closed at 9.24pm.

**Signed:**

**(Parish Council Chairman)**

**Date:**